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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

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Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed August 4, 2006 which set a one (1) month shortened statutory period for response. Applicants request a one (1) month extension of time and request that Deposit Account No. 19-0733 be debited for the extension fee.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 2 of this paper.

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